

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
VALDOSTA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, :
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v. : Case No.: 7:22-CR-00003 (WLS-TQL)
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CHASE LESLIE WHITE, :
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Defendant. :
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ORDER

Before the Court is a “Joint Motion to Continue” filed by the Parties in the above-styled action on May 3, 2022. (Doc. 22.) Therein, the parties request that this Court continue to the next available trial term. (*Id.*) Defendant White was indicted on a two-count indictment on January 11, 2022. (Doc. 1.) He was arraigned before the Honorable Magistrate Judge Thomas Q. Langstaff on April 19, 2022. (Doc. 14.) In support of their request to continue, the Parties explain that additional time is needed for the review of discovery, the determination of the need for pretrial motions, and negotiations for possible resolution in this case. (Doc. 22 at 1-2.)

The Speedy Trial Act permits a district court to grant a continuance of the trial so long as the court makes findings that the ends of justice served by ordering a continuance outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A). Section 3161(h)(7)(B) provides a number of factors the Court must consider when granting a continuance. *United States v. Ammar*, 842 F.3d 1203, 1206 (11th Cir. 2016). Among those factors are the likelihood that the lack of a continuance will result in a miscarriage of justice and the likelihood that failure to grant a continuance would deprive the defendant continuity of counsel or reasonable time necessary for effective preparation. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B).

Based on the Parties’ stated reasons, the Joint Motion to Continue (Doc. 22) is **GRANTED**. The Court finds that failure to grant the requested continuance would deny

the Defendant continuity of counsel and necessary preparations for trial, even assuming due diligence, and would likely result in a miscarriage of justice. The Court also finds that the need for this continuance outweighs the public and the Defendant's best interest in a speedy trial. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A)-(B). It is **ORDERED** that the case is **CONTINUED** to the August trial term in Valdosta, Georgia, which begins August 8, 2022, unless otherwise ordered by the Court. The Court further **ORDERS** that the time from the date of this Order to the conclusion of the August 2022 Trial Term is **EXCLUDED FROM COMPUTATION** under the Speedy Trial Act pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7). The Court hereby informs the parties that no further continuances shall be granted in this case except as to prevent manifest injustice.

SO ORDERED, this 6th day of May 2022.

/s/ W. Louis Sands

W. LOUIS SANDS, SR. JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT